

Berlin, 6 Dec 46

Dear Henry,

[Hecksler]

This is not the Berlin news letter, but just a few lines to tell you of the activities of some old friends, as related by our friend Felicitas.

Felicitas has just received a letter from her husband, who is sitting in the internment camp at Ludwigsburg (Wuerttemberg). This camp is the only one still run by Americans directly, I understand, and houses security threats, etc. Though the cuisine is said to be dull there, the social life seems to be rather brilliant. For example, your old acquaintance Dr Hoettl is also a guest there, and Felicitas' husband has had tea with him several times in his rooms. Hoettl, incidentally, also chatted gaily, as old intelligencers so often do, and told the husband all about Felicitas' war-time activities. The husband was properly amazed and wrote his wife, "But you never told me, my dear....."

Hoettl is said to be his old optimistic self, and has already offered the husband a job, if and when the two are released.

Life in Berlin note: a man, accredited real ODP, and his wife, a full Jewess, tripped up from the British Zone to collect and take away all the furniture from the house where Felicitas lives. However, they happened to see a photograph of Felicitas' husband, in uniform, of course, and when they learned that Felicitas was a Luftwaffe officer's wife, the couple were immediately sympathetic, displayed the proper social graces, were extremely affable, and of course left Felicitas all the furniture in her room! They also gave Felicitas their address and said of course she must write. Now, you will admit the Germans are really getting the democratic, tolerant spirit, what?

More anon.

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